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Applicant(s): Christophe WALRAVENS et al.  
Application No.: 10/829,253 Confirmation No.: 7273  
Filed: April 22, 2004  
Title: "Auxiliary Operating Device for Allowing Manual Operation of a Closure Normally Driven by A Motor"  
Group Art Unit: 3682  
Examiner: Terence Boes  
Agent File No.: 10458-20US SC/sm  
Customer No.: 20988

**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006. A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application is being filed concurrently with the present amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.